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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE  
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BASE MEDICAL POLICY WITH REGARD TO ILLNESS AND/OR INJURY

1. PURPOSE: To establish a written list of instructions and information relating to the treatment and/or subsequent evacuation of sick and injured personnel. This is a reiteration of the policy presently in effect at this Base.
2. SCOPE: All military and civilian personnel who reside and/or are employed at this Base.
3. PROCEDURE: The following procedures will be followed in connection with the medical treatment and/or evacuation of personnel, according to their particular category:

a. Military Personnel:

(1) Routine illnesses and injuries will be treated by the Base Medical Officer and/or the attending Medical Technician.

(2) Ambulatory cases requiring further treatment will be transferred or sent to the 4520th USAF Hospital or Dispensary at Nellis Air Force Base, via USAF ambulance or sedan.

(3) Serious illnesses or injuries requiring immediate attention will be air evacuated to the 4520th USAF Hospital at Nellis Air Force Base. This will be accomplished either by Base aircraft or aircraft requested and flown in from Nellis Air Force Base.

b. Air Force Civilian Personnel:

(1) Routine illnesses or injuries will be treated by the Base Medical Officer or Medical Technician.

(2) Ambulatory cases requiring further treatment will be transferred to Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital, either by ambulance, aircraft or sedan.

(3) Emergency cases requiring immediate attention will be air evacuated to the 4520th USAF Hospital at Nellis Air Force Base.

c. Contractor Personnel:

(1) Illnesses or injuries of a routine nature will be treated by the Base Medical Officer or Medical Technician.

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(2) Illnesses or injuries of a serious or emergency nature are to be reported either to the Base Commander or Deputy Commander for Support by the Medical Officer or Medical Technician and/or the individual's supervisor, immediately. When and where feasible, the appropriate parent company personnel will be notified of the patient's condition and prognosis. A determination will be made at that time whether the individual in question is to be air evacuated to Burbank, California, or to the 4520th USAF Hospital at Nellis Air Force Base. This decision will be largely predicated upon the extent of the illness or injury, availability of aircraft and the time factor involved.

d. [REDACTED] Personnel:

(1) Routine illnesses or injuries will be treated by the resident [REDACTED] First Aid Technician. In his absence, treatment will be administered by the Base Medical Officer and/or Medical Technician. The [REDACTED] Medical Dispensary in [REDACTED] will be advised of treatment afforded by the Air Force Medicals.

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(2) Cases requiring further treatment will be transferred to the [REDACTED] Dispensary, with [REDACTED] being notified of the transfer. The [REDACTED] ambulance will meet the USAF ambulance at the [REDACTED] or approximately halfway between the Base and [REDACTED] whichever is reached first. A [REDACTED] First Aid Technician or USAF Medical Technician will accompany the individual in question.

(3) Routine transfers will be carried to the [REDACTED] Dispensary by any convenient or available means, with prior notification to [REDACTED] Dispensary Personnel. The transfer will be made in company with the medical aides cited above in sub-paragraph (2).

(4) Emergency cases requiring immediate attention will be air evacuated to [REDACTED] for further transfer to [REDACTED]

Arrangements will be made by the Medical Officer for immediate ambulance service at [REDACTED] for the transfer to [REDACTED]

The [REDACTED] Dispensary will be advised of the action taken with respect to this air evacuation.

e. In addition to the above provisions, the following possibilities or courses of action are to be considered in the event of any emergency or catastrophic situation which may occur at anytime, but particularly during holiday and week-end periods, or after 1630 hours Monday through Friday. These are the times when there is a paucity of either suitable aircraft or flight personnel at the Base. Naturally, the course of action to be taken will be greatly influenced by the seriousness or nature of the injuries/illness and the category that the individuals concerned are in, i.e., be they military, contractor, [REDACTED] etc.

(1) Request doctor, equipment and ambulance(s) from [REDACTED] Call extension 9240.

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(2) Request Medical Officers, Medical Technicians, supplies, and evacuation aircraft from Nellis Air Force Base. Call Dudley 2-1800, extension 22760 and ask for the Medical Officer of the Day.

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(4) Request the dispatch of the C-47 and/or other aircraft from CARCO, to assist in the evacuation. Call REGENT 3-2132 or [REDACTED] at his home address, telephone number 863-6576.

(5) In all cases, the Medical Officer and Medical Technician are to avail themselves of the guidance and equipment that is available from Nellis Air Force Base.

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[REDACTED]  
Commander

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Deputy Commander of Support